

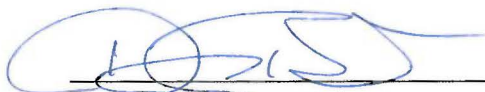
SAFE DRINKING WATER ACT9-12. Inspections and Information-Gathering

1. **AUTHORITY.** Pursuant to the Safe Drinking Water Act, including Section 1445, and implementing regulations:
 - a. To perform the duties and responsibilities relative to reviewing records and conducting inspections.
 - b. To obtain and execute warrants for the purpose of performing an inspection or conducting information gathering.
 - c. To carry out any other inspection and information gathering activities authorized by the SDWA.
 - d. To require the carrying out of any other inspection and information gathering activities authorized by the SDWA.
 - e. To designate representatives of the Administrator to perform the functions specified in paragraphs 1.a., 1.b., 1.c., and 1.d.
2. **TO WHOM REDELEGATED.**
 - a. The assistant regional administrator, Office of Enforcement, Compliance and Environmental Justice.
 - b. The assistant regional administrator, Office of Water Protection.
3. **LIMITATIONS.**
 - a. Each ARA (or his/her delegated official) exercising the authority under 1.b. must consult with the regional counsel, or equivalent, prior to requesting warrants.
 - b. Each ARA (or his/her delegated official) exercising this authority must notify the other ARA mentioned above (or his/her designated official), prior to exercising that authority. Either ARA (or his/her delegated official) may also waive receipt of such notification.
4. **REDELEGATION AUTHORITY.**
 - a. The authorities in 1.a., 1.b, and 1.c. may be redelegated to the staff level.
 - b. The authorities in 1.d. and 1.e. may be redelegated to the unit chief level or equivalent, and no further.
 - c. An official who redelegates an authority retains the right to exercise or withdraw the authority. Redelegated authority may be exercised by any official in the chain of command down to the official to whom it has been specifically redelegated.
5. **ADDITIONAL REFERENCES.**
 - a. Section 1445 of the SDWA.

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- b. U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Order 3510, "EPA Federal Credentials for Inspections and Enforcement of Federal Environmental Statutes and Other Compliance Responsibilities."
- c. 40 C.F.R. Parts 144, 146, and 147.



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Date